

La Peña Cultural Center
3105 Shattuck Ave.
Berkeley, CA 94705
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La Peña Cultural Center

Administrative Office Hours
Monday - Friday, 10am - 5pm
(510) 849-2568
(press ext. 4 for program info.)
(press *2 for staff directory)
email: info@lapena.org / www.lapena.org

La Tienda Day Box Office

FOR ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY
Wednesday - Saturday, 1 - 6pm
(510) 849-2568 ext. 20 or www.lapena.org

Café Valparaíso at La Peña

The café is an independently operated family business run by Pablo and Miriam Valenzuela.
Wed - Thurs: 5:30pm-9:30pm
Fridays: 11am-10:30pm
Saturdays: 11am-10:30pm
Sundays: 11am-9:30pm
Phone/fax (510) 841-3800



La Peña disclaimer: Since 1975, more than 1,000 community groups have used La Peña's space. The use of our space does not mean that La Peña endorses the views presented. La Peña believes that it is important to help stimulate an environment conducive to discussion & understanding among different peoples & points of view.

* Indicates that this program is a community rental and/or benefit and that La Peña discount cards are not valid.
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Two-Month Calendar
See back for February 2010



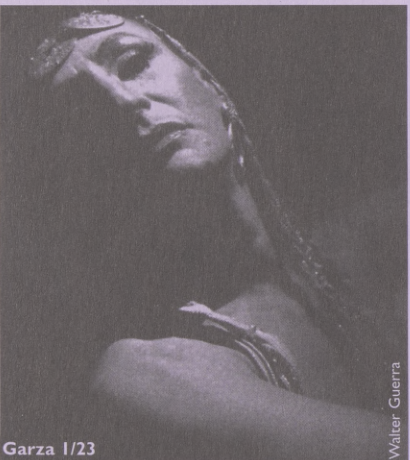
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SEE FEBRUARY 2010 ON THE BACK



Luz & Eulogio 1/22



Garza 1/23



2012:Time of No Time 1/27

Los Amiguitos de La Peña
Saturday morning live & smart shows for the entire family • 10:30am
\$5adults, \$4 kids

Saturday, January 9:
Derique, the high tech clown, juggles and performs ham-bone body music while giving the audience a history lesson at the same time.

Saturday, January 16:
Abbey and the Pipsqueaks. Fun, danceable songs fit for the whole family. Winner of the Best Album for Toddlers in the Childrens Music Web Awards 01.



Saturday, January 23:
Earthcapades. An exciting combination of juggling, music, circus skills, storytelling, comedy, audience participation, & lots of respect for the Earth.

Saturday, January 30:
The Rubinoos. La Peña welcomes Berkeley's legendary popsters celebrating the release of their first children's CD, Greasy Kid Stuff.



A Happy New Year to All!

Be part of La Peña's community of supporters by making a donation of any amount to support our activities during our 35th Anniversary Year! Your individual donations support our mission of promoting peace, social justice and cultural understanding through the arts, education and community action.

Take action and donate securely at: www.lapena.org

3 CAFE RUMBA 3-6PM FREE/GRATIS

Advance Ticket Info.
Advance sale tickets are available for a select number of programs. Tickets may be purchased online at www.lapena.org. Advance tickets DO NOT guarantee a seat. People with special needs should call (510) 849-2568 ext. 20. Please arrive 1/2 hour prior to show time.

10 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

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17 CAFE RUMBA 3-6PM FREE/GRATIS

CONCERT

Join **Tone 7** and friends as they perform songs from their debut album "Tonality" for a one night only concert to raise awareness about Hypertension, High Blood Pressure and Diabetes.

7pm \$15*

24 MEXICAN TARDEADA CAFE LOBBY 3-6PM FREE/GRATIS

Muchas Gracias!
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31 BENEFIT CONCERT

Annual Tribute to Pat Parker

Featuring Anastasia Dunham-Parker, Genpy Lim, Phavia Kujichajulia, Mamacoatl (La border crossing Dios), Melanie DeMore, Ava Square-LEVais, Kaylah Marin, Avotcja & Modupue, Judy Grahn, Blackberri & more.
7-9:30pm \$10-\$20 sliding scale *
(Proceeds will benefit Anastasia Dunham-Parker)

6 CAFE SCIENCE 7PM FREE

Help Support La Peña with eScrip
EScrip is a way for La Peña to raise funds through everyday purchases made at eScrip merchants. Hundreds of merchants contribute a percentage to La Peña when you shop. Call Nadine at (510) 849-2568 ext. 12 to learn more.

13 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

Memories for the Future
La Peña Community History Project
Do you have videos, old fliers, photos or any other memento of you at La Peña? Do you have a story to tell about your experience at our center? Do you know someone with a good La Peña story? Let us know or send them to: La Peña Community History Project, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, CA 94705. Contact or call us at 510-849-2568 ext. 16. Leave a message and we will thank you with a free pass to a La Peña show.

20 CONCERT

La Peña's Latin Jazz Orchestra

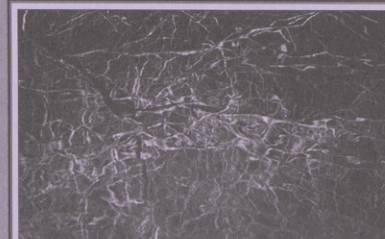
Join us for an evening recital of great salsa and Latin Jazz arrangements performed by the La Peña Latin Jazz Orchestra directed by Josh Jones.

7:30pm \$8

27 THEATER/READING

The Hybrid Performance Experiment
presents a reading of its upcoming production,
2012:Time of No Time
Written by Javier Huerta, Maribel Martínez, Milta Ortiz and Marc Pinate.
Dramaturgy by Octavio Solis.
Audience talkback after the reading.

7pm \$5-\$10



Anna Kaminska

7 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

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28 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

Stay Connected, La Peña's Social Media Village
Check our media tools & use them as a medium to promote your event, find out about recently added shows, to learn about new trends in community arts, & for your comments & suggestions. Become our fan & stay connected. Check La Peña's Social Media Village at any of these two-way streets: New blog: <http://lapenablog.wordpress.com/>, Facebook, YouTube & MySpace.

FRIDAY

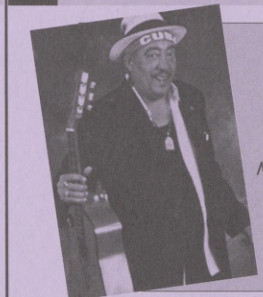
1 THEATER & CAFE CLOSED

Not a big enough house for all your guests? Did you know you can **RENT US?**
Plan your community activity at La Peña. Priority is given to day time rentals. Call us at (510) 849-2568 ext. 13

8 CAFE VALPARAISO

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15 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN



SATURDAY

2 NO KIDS SHOW THIS MORNING

My Life is a Party

DJ Cool Hand will be spinning the hot tracks that will get your rump shakin'. With performances by G-Eazy & special guests. Tickets will ONLY be sold in advance and are of limited quantity. Buy yours at mylifeisapartybayarea.eventbrite.com. Doors open at 9pm. Show: 10pm - 1am
\$12 gen. \$7 students *

9 DERIQUE 10:30AM

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16 ABBEY & THE PIPSQUEAKS 10:30AM

Saturday, January 16, 2010

Tito y su Son

Come dance to the music of Heriberto "Tito" Gonzalez, *El Trecero Mayor*. Tito plays authentic Cuban dance rhythms such as rumba, guaracha and son montuno, the music you know from the Buena Vista Social Club.

9:30pm \$12

23 EARTHCAPADES 10:30AM

Solo Performance
The life & struggle of a rising drag queen
Garza

A journey through the life and struggle of a rising drag queen performer living in exile in S.F. This performance takes us through the different female artists that in one way or another, have influenced his/her fight against abuse and discrimination. Presented by Gabriela Shiroma. (Material is adult in nature).

8:30pm \$18 adv. \$20 dr.

22 CONCERT

Luz María Carriquiry & Eulogio Moros

Luz María from Peru & Eulogio from Venezuela, founding members of the ensemble *Sin Líneas en el Mapa*, *Without Lines On The Map*, return to La Peña with their beautiful voices, vast repertoire and their musical instruments such as cuatro, maracas and guitar, for an evening of popular Latin American songs.

8pm \$10

29 DANCE/BAILE

Pellejo Seco

Dance to the music of Pellejo Seco! Contemporary Cuban dance music.

Free dance lesson from 8:30pm-9:30pm with admission.

9:30pm \$12

30 THE RUBINOOS 10:30AM

Americanidades Jose Roberto y Sus Amigos

present an evening with music from across the Americas. With his original compositions, diverse musical styles, and traditional instruments, Jose Roberto transports his audiences to various countries and their traditions.

8:30pm \$15 adv. \$18 dr.

LA PEÑA'S EXHIBITS • JANUARY 2010

In the Theater: Jan 2 - Jan 30. The Berkeley City College Digital Art Club presents **A Showcase of Digital Prints**. The show features digitally created artwork by artists affiliated with the Berkeley City College Multimedia department.

In the Café Lobby & Café: Jan 4 - Jan 30. Original paintings in oil and ink by Cuzco-based artist, **Claudio Talavera-Ballón**. A disciple of world-acclaimed watercolorist Luis Palao Berastain, Talavera-Ballón, depicts/captures with extraordinary talent the very essence of ordinary people's lives in small towns across the Peruvian Highlands.

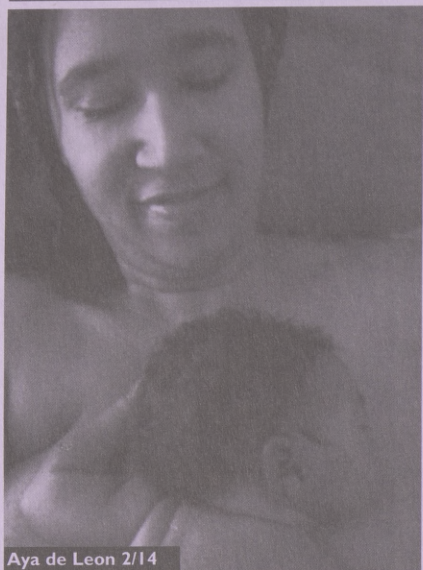


Claudio Talavera-Ballón

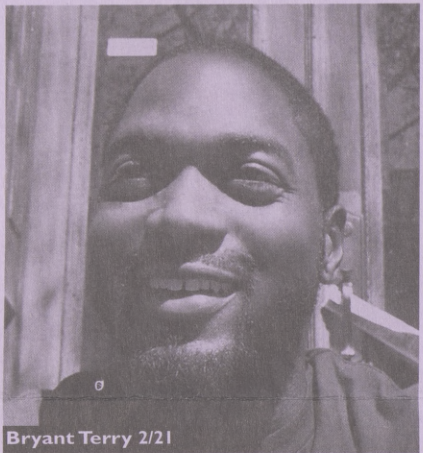
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(SEE JANUARY 2010 ON THE BACK)



Aya de Leon 2/14



Bryant Terry 2/21



Antioquia 2/6



DeMore, Senauke, Sure, & Rose. 2/5

SOCIALMedia

Check our social media tools and use them as a medium to promote your event. More and more people are using these tools to communicate with La Peña's audiences. Become a fan of La Peña on FaceBook, check YouTube, and/or visit our Blog. For links, check our homepage at www.lapena.org.

SUNDAY

7 CAFE RUMBA 3-6 PM

Music for Palestinian justice
Over a Soulful Groove

Ramzy

A Palestinian-American songwriter and pianist, delivers his message of peace and justice in the Middle East, over the soulful groove of his band, from the Berklee College of Music in Boston.

7:30pm \$10-\$15 Sliding scale

14 MEXICAN TARDEADA CAFE LOBBY 3-6PM FREE/GRATIS

15th annual LOVE FEST
Alternative Valentine's Day celebrating self-love, love of spirit & community, and this year

Aya de Leon
celebrates motherhood!!
Featuring poetry by **Yosimar Reyes**, music by **Amani** (formerly of the Atik), Poetry for the People! + other special guests, plus prizes & goodies.

8pm \$12 adv. \$14 dr.

21 CAFE RUMBA 3-6 PM

Join us for the first of three installments of our **Food Justice Series** (2/21, 3/14 and 4/25)
Renowned author **Bryant Terry** and acclaimed choreographer **Amara Tabor Smith** have curated an evening of performance and food.

7pm \$15

28 ART EXHIBIT RECEPTION

Drawings by Mapuche political prisoner **Juana Calfunao**
A lonko (chief) imprisoned in 2006 for her struggle to reclaim the ancestral lands of her community from large logging corporations.
Reception and informational event from **4:30-6PM**
Event in Cafe Lobby



Ramzy 2/7

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WEDNESDAY

3 CAFE SCIENCE 7PM FREE

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THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS FUNDERS!
Alameda County Arts Commission, Berkeley Civic Arts Commission, Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, Ford Foundation, Gerbode Foundation, Kaiser Permanent Thrive, National Performance Network, The James Irvine Foundation, LIA Fund, National Endowment for the Arts, Nonprofit Finance Fund, San Francisco Foundation, Walter and Elise Haas Fund, William & Flora Hewlett Foundation, Vanguard Foundation, Zellerbach Family Fund and to our many generous individual donors.

THURSDAY

4 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

Thursday, Feb. 11, 2010
Blitz The Ambassador
from Accra via Brooklyn lends the tradition of Ghanaian high life, melded together with the jazzy nuances of an upright bass, hints of reggae, orchestra strings and a horn section that lifts the live hip hop band to new heights.

8pm \$10 gen. \$8 stdnts.

17 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

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Support La Peña!
During these tough economic times, individual contributions make a significant difference in La Peña's annual programming. If you can, please make a donation to support our plethora of art and educational events.
YOUR DONATION COUNTS!
Donate securely online at www.lapena.org

FRIDAY

18 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

24 FILM

Awakening from Sorrow: Buenos Aires 1997
(40min., 2009. John Koop and Katrina Epperlein). An expressionistic documentary about the sorrow of young Argentines whose parents were disappeared, tortured and killed during the 'Dirty War'. Recently premiered at the Mill Valley Film Festival. Filmmakers on hand to present and discuss the film. **7:30pm \$10**

FRIDAY

5 CONCERT

Music That Woke The World

A community sing along concert reinvoking the power and poetry of the music that shaped a movement, past and present. With **Betsy Rose, Rev. Heng Sure, Melanie DeMore and Alan Senauke.**

8pm \$12 adv. \$14 dr.

SATURDAY

6 NO KIDS PROGRAM THIS SAT.

Antioquia
Local 5-piece **Antioquia** plays at La Peña before embarking on a tour of the southwest to release their 2nd album, "My Piano Ate the Front Page of the San Francisco Chronicle." Come see them off with a night of frenzied dancing to their signature blend of Afro-Colombian & African rhythm, experimental rock and funk.

9pm \$7

Friday and Saturday, February 12 & 13
Mangos With Chili presents
Whipped: QTPOC Recipes for Love, Sex, & Disaster
The second annual show about the miracles, dreams and cream our hearts make. *Mangos With Chili* knows that queer and trans folks of color do love, sex, and total disaster like none other! In this special Valentine's Day weekend production QTPOC tell their true life stories of love through music, spoken word, theater, dance, burlesque, drag and video. (Adult content)

8pm \$8-\$12 Sliding scale

19 DANCE PERFORMANCE

Duniya Dance and Drum Company's **Balandougou Kan Connection "Lanyee"**
(Unity and Peace)
West African dance & music, with artists from Guinea, West Africa, the Bay Area and Los Angeles.

8pm \$12 adv. \$15 dr.
(10% of ticket sales to benefit St. Felix school in Matoto, Conakry, Guinea)

20 ASHEBA 10:30AM

Enlaces
A series highlighting the Spanish, Arab, African, and Indigenous influences in the Americas curated by Gabriela Shiroma of *De Rompe y Raja*. The first program in this 5 part series begins with "Mantón de Manila" (shawl) and how it is woven into Latin American culture from the Philippines to Spain, Mexico, & Peru.

8pm \$15 adv. \$18 dr.
(Series made possible in part by support from the N.E.A.)

26 THEATER

Friday, February 26, 2009
In Celebration of Black History Month
Come Home
Jovelyn Richards in *Come Home*, a story told through the voices of women and children, about choices made by black people living in a small rural Arkansas community under the terror of American Apartheid during the pre & post World War II period. Accompanied by live music.

8pm \$15 adv. \$18 dr.

27 GERRY TENNEY 10:30AM

Dance concert with **Lora Chiorah & Sukutai Marimba & Dance Ensemble**
perform traditional & contemporary music from Zimbabwe. Since 1980, Sukutai has been delighting audiences with a combination of dance, music & storytelling to celebrate the heritage of Zimbabwe's Shona People.

8pm \$20 adv. \$22 dr.

Los Amiguitos de La Peña
Saturday Morning Live Performances for Families
10:30am • \$5 adults, \$4 children

Feb. 13: Gary Lapow • Feb. 20: Asheba • Feb. 27: Gerry Tenney

SUPPORT LA PEÑA'S WINTER FUND DRIVE!
Individual Donors Make a Difference! Please Support our 35th Anniversary year! No amount is too large or too small. Your donations help La Peña continue its 35th year of programming concerts, exhibits, films, lectures, forums, poetry, classes, children's concerts, and supporting new and creative work. Think globally and act locally. Support your community based cultural center. We look forward to your continued support in 2010!

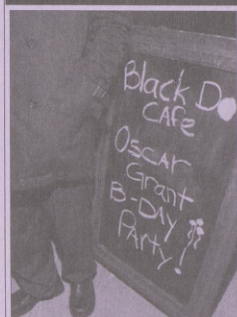
"Enlaces"

In partnership with the Community Music Center of S. F., La Peña Cultural Center and Gabriela Shiroma of *De Rompe y Raja* present **"Enlaces"** (the ties that connect us). A five part series that explores the Spanish, Indigenous, Arabic, and African influences in the music and dance in the Americas.

February 20 • 8pm
features the theme "Mantón de Manila".
(The Enlaces Series is made possible by support from the N.E.A.)

LA PEÑA WISH LIST
• Bass & piano amps • PC laptop with wireless capacity • Apple G4 laptop • Technics 1200 Turntables • Basic carpentry skills

LA PEÑA'S EXHIBITS • FEBRUARY 2010



Birthday celebration for Oscar Grant & Black Dot Cafe

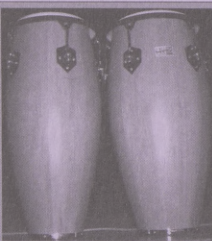
In The Café Lobby: Feb. 3 - Feb. 28. Gentrification, a mix of a bust. A photo exhibit documenting *The San Antonio District* by a group of Black Photographers coming together to tell the story of Oakland's communities.

In the Theater: Feb 4 - Feb 27.
Drawings by Mapuche political prisoner **Juana Calfunao**, a lonko (chief) imprisoned in 2006 for her struggle to reclaim the ancestral lands of her community from logging corporations.
Photos documenting the repression and resistance of the Mapuche people in Chile.
Reception & informational event: Sunday, February 28, 4:30-6pm.



Mapuche Drawings

Start the new year with a new beat
Nearly New Congas for Sale!
Price Reduced!
(Used only once). Proceeds will support La Peña's arts education program. To purchase and/or for more information, please contact Paul Chin at pchin@lapena.org or (510) 849-2568 ext. 17.



ATTENTION STUDENTS: Do your part for Cultural Activism and Social Justice and become a La Peña volunteer or intern today! Internships for school credit can also be arranged. Call Mariola at (510) 849-2568 ext.13 or mariola@lapena.org

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ANNOUNCING THE WORLD'S FIRST EVER MARIACHI MUSIC CD DESIGNED FOR KIDS & FAMILIES:
¡CANTA MI SON!
SING MY SONG BY JUANITA ULLOA

Learn Spanish through the world of **Mariachi!**

Juanita, Winner of Disney iParenting Media & Grindy Awards

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Yes! I Support La Peña's 35th Year!

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- ☐ **\$500 Padrino/Madrina** – receive an **Annual Pass**, which gets you free admission to **ALL La Peña events**
- ☐ **\$250 Victor Jara** – receive **4 Free Tickets** to any La Peña event
- ☐ **\$100 Paul Robeson** – receive **2 Free Tickets** to any La Peña event
- ☐ **\$50 Malvina Reynolds** – receive **1 Free Ticket** to any La Peña event
- ☐ **\$35 Compañero/Compañera** – You invest in La Peña and receive the calendar, newsletter, and mailings (only \$3 per month)
- ☐ **\$25 Activista** – Student, fixed income, low income membership with calendar, newsletter, and mailings (only \$2 per month)

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